

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A resin molding die comprising:

a cavity;
a resin inlet through which a liquid resin to be cured is injected into the cavity; and
an air vent through which air is released to an exterior space of the resin molding die during injection of the resin, the air vent being provided on an opposite side from the resin inlet with respect to the cavity.

2. (Original) A resin molding die according to claim 1, wherein:

the resin is a thermosetting resin; and
the air vent has an interspace of such dimensions that when the resin molding die is heated to or above a curing temperature of the thermosetting resin, air is allowed to be released to the exterior space of the resin molding die but that the resin cures and remains within the resin molding die.

3. (Original) A resin molding die according to claim 1, wherein the air vent has an interspace of such dimensions that the resin flows at a pressure which is in the neighborhood of a pressure imposed by the weight of the resin.

4. (Original) A resin molding die according to claim 2, wherein the air vent has an interspace of such dimensions that the resin being filled in the cavity expels air to the air vent, and that the resin cures within the air vent without leaking into the exterior space of the resin molding die.

5. (Original) A resin molding die according to claim 1, wherein:
the resin is a thermosetting resin; and
at least a portion of the resin inlet is in an open state when the resin molding die is heated to or above a curing temperature of the thermosetting resin during injection of the resin.

Claims 6-13 (Canceled)